

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE

Governor's Forest Health OVERSIGHT & ADVISORY COUNCILS

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Advisory Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Advisory & Oversight Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

Thursday, June 10th, 2004

**Black Mesa Ranger Station – 2748 East Hwy 260 (mile post 307.5) in Overgaard
Overgaard, AZ**

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Review and vote on minutes from the **5.13.04** meeting
 - a. Motion for approval
 - i. Kirk moved
 - ii. Lori seconds
 - iii. Deb abstains (not present)
- 3) Legislative Update & Address to Councils
 - a. Lori Faeth
 - i. See chart:
 1. In addition to our recommendations, there were some economic incentives that passed.
 2. Some unfortunate polarizing language remained
 3. Next year we'll work to attempt to write language and develop a strategy early in the legislative process (hopefully have a bill in November. Council should have language by September so that there is plenty of time to market the bill.
 4. Deb added CSA, League, etc. should be involved in the process next time so that their full weight can be put behind the effort.
 5. Speaker's Bureau subcommittee (POLICY subcommittee) – individuals should be going around their various communities (CSA, Firefighters, League, Lions, Community groups, etc.
 6. The inmate thinning crews were left in the original language! Should see the count go from 3 – 12 crews.
 7. 6 chippers and 6 trucks were given to the DOC crews from the Emergency Fund Group
 - a. \$225 K were provided to the state mapping group
 - b. about \$1.5 million total were added to forest health projects statewide
 - c. this is the first time that emergency funds that went unused weren't put back into the general fund but instead put towards forest health needs.
 8. Ron Christensen mentioned that the legislature failed to see the urgency of the issue because it may not have affected them directly.
 - a. Education is key!
- 4) Subcommittees
 - a. Reports
 - i. Utilization & Commerce – Marty Moore (see agenda item #5)
 - ii. Land Use & Wildland Fire – Don Falk
 1. Still working on white paper for the
 - iii. Mapping & Assessment – Kathy Hemenway
 1. Tom Sisk will be added as a consultant scientist
 2. Kathy will be participating on a national committee for Mapping templates developed for creating maps more easily – this will jive with the way we are already doing things in this state
 3. They will be holding a meeting today having several speakers and speaking to the people doing the assessments for the Firewise program.

- iv. Monitoring & Evaluation – Ed Smith
 - 1. Not present
- v. Zoning & Implementation – Mayor Joe Donaldson
 - 1. Not present
- vi. Policy- Lori Faeth
 - 1. Covered above
- vii. Education – Michael Neal
 - 1. Kirk & Steve
 - 2. television spots are well received
 - a. available on the gov's webpage
 - 3. pamphlets are going out soon
 - 4. Fire reports are available daily on the AZ Fire webpage
 - 5. people starts are way down (1/2)
 - a. guardedly thinks that education may be working

5) Discussion and review of grant Economic Utilization Guiding Principles

- a. Brief presentation on small wood marketing.
 - i. MOVED TO AUGUST meeting
 - ii. Will coordinate with Heather
- b. Update on subcommittee discussion surrounding Governor's Conference recommendations.
 - i. Refer to the DRAFT economic guiding principles:
 - 1. this version will need to be redrafted and brought back for final approval
 - 2. we need to move towards the enabling language (rather than deleterious) that will encourage sustainability (not create industry for the sake of creating of it).
 - 3. The use of the word of 'restoration' needs to be decreased and eliminated with respect to the economy...
 - 4. Need to include the small diameter discussion in the guiding principles
- c. Discussion and review of Arizona's Healthy Forest Legislation (HB 2549) with relation to economic utilization.
 - i. Marty's group will have a final guiding principles to circulate in JULY
 - ii. Lori wonders if the dept of rev. may be a more appropriate group to decipher the tax code.

7) Forest Restoration & Fuels Reduction Thinning in the Southwest

- a. Regis Cassidy, USFS Region 3 Silviculturist
- b. See website for details

6) Future meeting dates and locations

- a. Summer 2004 schedule
 - i. July 8th - Summerhaven (Fire Department)
 - ii. August 12th - Flagstaff (Rocky Mt. Research Station)
 - iii. September 9th - Greer/Taylor/Sedona?
 - iv. October 14th - Suggestion from Deb Hill for a place in Williams (she will aide in arrangements)

7) Other updates

- a. Some changes at the Rocky Mt. Research Station
- b. Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- c. Apache County plan will be next (could become a national model as it is regional in focus)

8) Call to the Public

- a. Pine Strawberry Fire Station is attempting to create a community protection CD

9) Tour of the Apache-Sitgraves treatment projects (off-site)

- a. Lee Thornhill, District Ranger Black Mesa Ranger District
- b.

10) Adjournment

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CO-CHAIRS

Beth Zimmerman – Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

Taylor McKinnon – Grand Canyon Trust

<http://www.governor.state.az.us/FHC/>

Tour Agenda and Details:

The first stop is actually right behind the Ranger Station that was pre-commercially thinned and commercially treated about six years ago. We will talk about and show when the flame front hit this treated stand that the fire dropped to the ground after two to three hundred yards. The second stop is about 12 miles west of Heber at Brookbank, which shows some different treatments that allowed the fire crews to backfire and stopped the flame front when it hit this area.

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm - Behind Black Mesa Ranger Station

1:45 pm - 2:00 pm - Travel to Brookbank

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm - Brookbank

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm - Travel to Black Mesa Ranger Station